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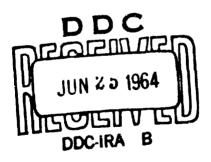
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#### ARSTRACT

A family of wanigans was developed to provide portable shelters for use in polar regions. These wanigans are of two types: sled wanigans are mounted on cargo sleds for trail use; portable camp wanigans are built with a skid system for limited movement around a camp or work area. All of the wanigans are 20 feet long and 8 feet high. Both types are made in standard 8-foot widths for assembled air shipment, and in extra-wide 10-foot widths for flexibility in interior arrangement. Standard accessories for the wanigans are: a heating and ventilating system, an electrical harness, and a side-mounted fuel tank. This technical note contains the specifications for the NCEL wanigans presented in the Maval Civil Engineering Laboratory Technical Report R-309, "Polar Structures - NCEL Family of Wanigans."

#### INTRODUCTION

Fortable structures called wanigans were developed to house facilities for polar trail parties and transient polar camps or work areas. These wanigans are of modular sandwich panel construction. They are 20 feet long and 8 feet high. Sled wanigans are mounted on sleds for trail use. Portable wanigans are built on a skid system for movement around a camp or work area. Both types are made in standard 8-foot widths for assembled air shipment, and in extra-wide 10-foot widths which permit better interior arrangement. Accessories for the wanigans include a heating and ventilating system, an electrical harness, and a side-mounted fuel tank.

This technical note contains the specifications for the MCEL family of wanigans which are presented in Laboratory Technical Report R-309, "Polar Structures - MCEL Family of Wanigans." Standard specifications referenced in the text are listed in Appendix A.

# DESCRIPTION OF WANIGAN COMPONENTS

The MCEL family of wanigans and their standard accessories are detailed in the drawings contained in Appendix B. The major components of the wanigans are:

- 1. Panels. All panels are 4 feet wide and 2 inches thick. They are constructed of wood framing with 1/4-inch plywood skin on both sides. The inside plywood has aluminum backing to serve as a vapor barrier, and the panels are insulated with 1-1/2-inch fiberglas blankets. Panels are bolted together through gasketed lap joints.
- 2. Portable Wanigan Floor. The portable wanigan floor is mounted on two steel skids. Timber cross members rest on the skids at 4-foot spacing and support the floor panels which are constructed of tongue and groove 2 by 6's. The wanigan walls are attached to a 2 by 8 frame around the perimeter of the building. The skid system is provided with a tongue which can be attached to either end for towing.
  - 3. Heating and Ventilating System. Heat for the wanigen is

supplied by a 25,000 Btuh oil-fired space heater of the type commonly used in house trailers. A drip pan is provided under the heater, and a conventional vent pipe and roof jack are supplied. Copper tubing is used as a supply line from the fuel tank to the heater. An air intake blower is provided near the heater, and an air exhaust blower is provided as far as possible from the intake. Both blowers are mounted in fixtures with closures for adjusting the amount of fresh air and recirculated air.

- 4. Electrical Harness. The electrical harness provides general lighting and outlets for general purpose use. The fixtures and outlets are wired into a distribution panel. A house trailer-type connection is provided for connecting the distribution panel to the power source. No power source is included with the harness.
- 5. Side-Mounted Fuel Tank. The fuel tank is a special design for mounting on the sidewall of a wanigan. The mounting brackets match the bolts used for connecting panels together. The tank is 4 feet wide to conform to the building module, and only 8 inches thick so that it fits flat against the wanigan sidewall. The tank capacity is 80 gallons. It is provided with fittings for connecting a fuel line and for filling and draining the tank.

### SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WANIGAMS

1. Scope. The work shall include the furnishing of all material and equipment, and performing all labor for the complete fabrication of the items indicated on the drawings and described and specified herein. The contractor's proposal shall be based on the drawings and specifications herewith and no deviations shall be accepted except as approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

#### 2. Materials

#### A. Wood

- (1) <u>Lumber</u>. Kiln dried Douglas Fir, conforming to WCLA Grading Rules No. 15, Par. 183-b vertical grain for portable wanigan floor panels, and Par. 184-b flat grain for all other.
- (2) <u>Plywood</u>. Plywood shall be Douglas Fir, exterior type, Grade AC with the A face on the outside of the panels, and shall conform to Specification NN-P-530a.

# B. Steel

(1) Sheet or Strip. Conform to Specification QQ-S-640, FS-1020.

- (2) Bar Stock. Conform to Specification QQ-S-633a.
- (3) Structural. Conform to "Standard Specifications for Structural Steel for Bridges and Buildings," Serial Designation A-7 of the American Society for Testing Materials.

### C. Aluminum

(1) Cladding for Plywood. The aluminum cladding shall be alloy 3003H14, .015 inch thick with mill finish, no backing, and raw edges.

# D. Fastenings

- (1) Mails. The nails shall be steel, cement coated, either standard or countersunk head and size as indicated on the drawings, and shall conform to Specification FF-N-105.
- (2) <u>Screws</u>. Wood screws shall be steel, of the size and type indicated on the drawings and shall conform to Specification FF-S-111b.

# (3) Bolts, Muts, Washers.

- (a) Bolts, carriage, square neck, and nuts. Conform to Type C-2, Table X, of Specification FF-B-57la and nuts Type A-1, Table XII.
- (b) Bolts and nuts, hexagonal. Conform to Specification FF-B-571a, Type B-1, Table V and nuts Type A-1, Table XII.
- (c) <u>Washers</u>. The washers shall be standard commercial cut steel of the type and size indicated on the drawings.
- (d) <u>Finishes</u>. All bolts, nuts, and washers shall be finished with a zinc coating conforming to Type II or III, Class 2 of Specification QQ-Z-325a or cadmium plating Type II or III, Class 2 of Specification QQ-P-416a.
- (4) Adhesive. The adhesive used for adhering wood to wood (other than the manufacture of plywood) shall be "room temperature resorcinol glue" (synthetic resin type) applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, and shall conform to MIL-A-397B.

#### E. Gaskets

(1) Panel Joints. Gaskets for joints shall conform to

Specification MIL-C-3133, Class RS, Grade 41.

# F. Insulation

(1) Panels. Insulation shall be 1-1/2-inch-thick fiber-glas blanket with a density of 3/4 pound per cubic foot.

# G. Coatings

- (1) Galvanizing. Conform to Specification QQ-A-325a, Type II, Class I zinc coating.
- (2) <u>Cadmium Plating</u>. Conform to Specification QQ-P-416a, Class I, Type II.

### H. Paints

- (1) <u>Primer</u>. The primer shall conform to Specification TT-P-636c.
- (2) Enemal. The enemal shall conform to Specification TT-E-529a, Class A.

### I. Hardware

- (1) <u>Hinges</u>. Hinges shall conform to Specification FF-H-116c, Type 2171H.
- (2) Door Latch Set. The door latch set shall be the type used in walk-in coolers. It shall be easily operated from either inside or outside the door by a person wearing polar-type mittens.
- (3) Chain. All chain and chain attachments shall conform to Specification RR-C-27la.

### J. Electrical Materials

(1) Miscellansous. Materials listed below shall conform to specifications as noted:

<u>Materials</u>	<b>Specification</b>
(a) Wire connectors	W-S-610, Type IA, Style 1.
(b) Outlet boxes	W-J-800a, Type 3,

# <u>Materials</u>

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(c) Panelboards

W-P-131a(2), Class 1.

- (d) Receptacles and plugs W-C-596, Style A-4.
- (2) <u>Conductors</u>. Conductors in buildings shall be copper, of size indicated, color coded; insulation to be of a type to withstand bending at -50 F without damage.
  - (3) Lighting Fixtures. Conform to Specification 94h.
  - K. Heating and Ventilating Materials and Equipment
- (1) Space Heater. Diesel oil fired, gravity type with float control and pot-type burner. It shall have an output of 25,000 Btuh.
- (2) Air Intake and Exhaust Blowers. The blowers shall operate on 115 volt, 60 cycle, single-phase current and deliver a minimum of 60 cfm.
- (3) <u>Fuel Line</u>. Supply line shall be copper tubing conforming to Specification WW-T-799a, Type K.
- (4) <u>Vents and Vent Caps</u>. Joints shall be a snap-lock type, eacily assembled and disassembled. All fittings and vent caps shall match vent and be of the same manufacture. Sizes as indicated on the drawings.

### 3. Fabrication

## A. Panels

- (1) Frame. All framing members shall be fabricated of one continuous piece (no splice), and lap joint construction shall be used at all corner intersections of framing members. All laminated framing members shall be glued and nailed with 3d zinc-coated nails. All rib joints shall be glued and toe-nailed to the frame with 6d finishing nails in pre-drilled holes of smaller dismeter than the nail.
- (2) Plywood. All plywood shall be secured to the frame and ribs with glue and 2d zinc-coated nails on 6-inch centers. When panels require widths of plywood greater than 4 feet, a scarf joint shall be used for the splice. Aluminum cladding shall be factory bonded to the plywood.

- (3) <u>Insulation</u>. Insulation blankets shall be spot cemented to one face of the panels at four corners and at 12 inches on center along edges.
- (4) Joint Gaskets. All bolted joints between panels shall contain a gasket fastened one side only with contact cement. Gasket shall be secured on outer lap of all lap joints and the outer lap side of all corner joints. Bolt holes shall be cut in the gasket after installation on the panel.
- (5) Paint. One coat of primer and two coats of enamel shall be applied. All exterior surfaces shall be painted international orange. All interior surfaces shall be painted light green. All aluminum surfaces shall be unpainted. Metal surfaces shall be degreesed before painting.
- (6) Marking. Panels shall be stenciled for the mark number at the top of each face for wall panels, and at one end each face for roof and other panels.

# B. Portable Wanigan Floor

- (1) Welding. All welding shall conform to A.W.S. Specifications.
- (2) Connectors. All nuts and bolts, except carriage type, bearing on wood shall have flat washers.
- (3) Paint. All surfaces shall be painted with one cost of primer and two costs of ensmel. Floor panels shall be light green or gray. All other surfaces shall be international orange.

# Appendix A

### STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

The standard specifications given in the following list or mentioned in the text shall govern in all cases where references to standard specifications are made. In case of difference between these standard specifications and this specification or its accompanying drawings, this specification or its accompanying drawings shall govern. Especial care shall be exercised to refer in requests for quotations, in orders, and in subcontacts to the standard specifications and to all modifications thereof.

		Military
MIL-A-397B	Feb. 3, 1953	Adhesive, room-temperature and intermediate-temperature setting resin (phenol, resorcinal, and melamine base)
MIL-C-3133	Feb. 14, 1950	Cellular rubber producta, general purpose (except ebonite)
		NAVDOCKS
9 <b>Y</b> h	Sept. 1956	Electrical apparatus, distri- buting systems, and wiring
		Federal
W-C-596	Aug. 19, 1959	Connector, plug, electrical; connector, receptacle, electrical; plate, wall, electrical
W-F-406a	June 9, 1960	Fittings for electrical cable and flexible metal conduit
W-J-800a	Apr. 2, 1958	Junction box; extension, junction box; cover, junction box, (steel, cadmium or zinc-coated)

W-P-131a(2)	Apr. 13, 1951	Panalboards; equipped with automatic circuit-breakers
W-S-610	Apr. 2, 1958	Splice, conductor
FF-B-571a	Jan. 9, 1934	Bolts, nuts, studs, and top rivets (and material for same)
FF-U-116c	July 3, 1957	Hinges, hardware, builder's
FF-N-105	Oct. 6, 1952	Mails, wire; and staples
PF-S-111b	May 15, 1961	Screws, wood
M-P-5 <b>30</b> 0	Nov. 2, 1961	Plywood; flat panel
QQ-P-416a	Dec. 11, 1956	Plating, cadmium (electro- deposited)
<b>QQ-S-633</b> a	<b>Rov.</b> 6, 1957	Steel bars, carbon, cold finished and hot rolled (general purpose)
QQ -S-640	Aug. 8, 1952	Steel; carbon, sheet and strip
QQ-Z-325a	May 13, 1959	Zinc coating, electro-deposited, requirements for
TT-E-529a	Oct. 30, 1959	Enamel, alkyed, semi-gloss
TT-P-636b ·	Feb. 23, 1954	Primer costing, synthetic, wood and ferrous metal
WU-T-799a (1)	June 27, 1946	Tubing, copper, seamless (for use with soldered or flared fittings)

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All of the following specifications shall be of latest date unless indicated otherwise:

American Society for Testing Materials

Douglas Fir Plywood Association

West Coast Lumbermon's Association Grading Rules No. 15

# Appendix B

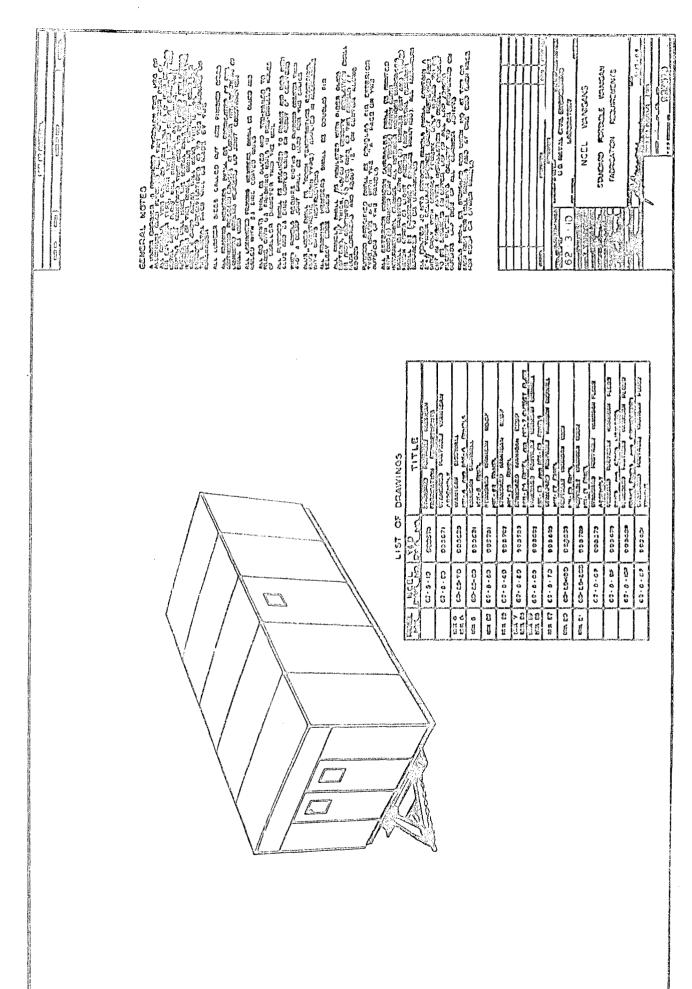
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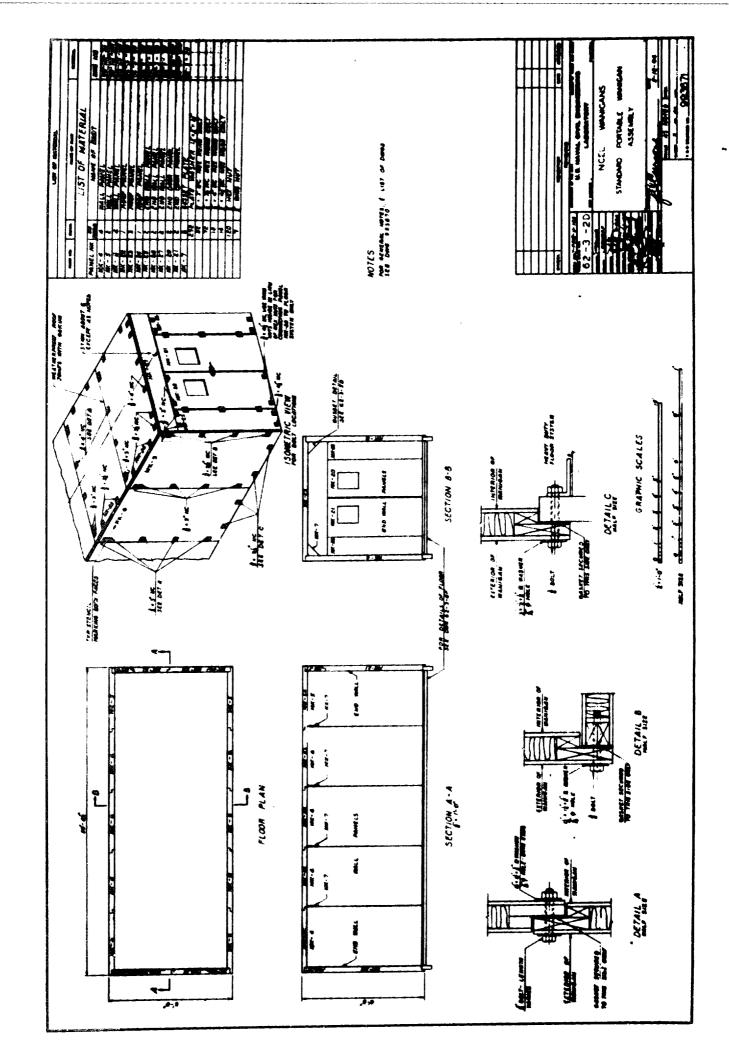
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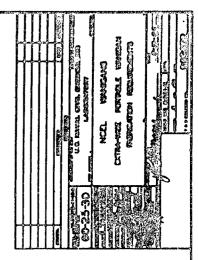
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993679	Standard portable wanigan floor skids and cross members
993680	Standard portable wanigan floor frame, panels, and connectors

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993681	Standard portable wanigan floor tongue
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993683	Extra-wide portable wanigan floor skide and cross members
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993685	Extro-wide portable wanigen floor tongue
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993687	Standard sled wanigan floor NK-29 panel
993688	Extra-wide sled wanigan floor MK-1 and MK-3 panels
993689	Extra-wide sled wanigan floor NK-2 panel
993690	Wanigan oidewall NK-4 and NK-6 panels
993691	Wanigan sidewall NK-5 panel
993692	Standard portable wanigen endwall MK-25 and MK-26 panels
993693	Standard portable wanigen endwall NK-27 pamel
993694	Extro-wide portable wanigen endwall MX-14 and MX-17 panals
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99 <b>3697</b>	Extra-wide sled wanigan endwall MX-8 and MX-10 panels
9 <b>9369</b> 8	Sicd wanigan door
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993702	Standard wanigan roof
993703	Standard wanigan roof NK-24 panel and NK-7 gusset plate
9 <b>9370</b> 4	Extra-wide wanigan roof
993 <b>70</b> 5	Extra-wide wanigan roof MX-12 panel
993706	Extra-wide wanigan roof MK-13 panel and MK-7 gusset plate
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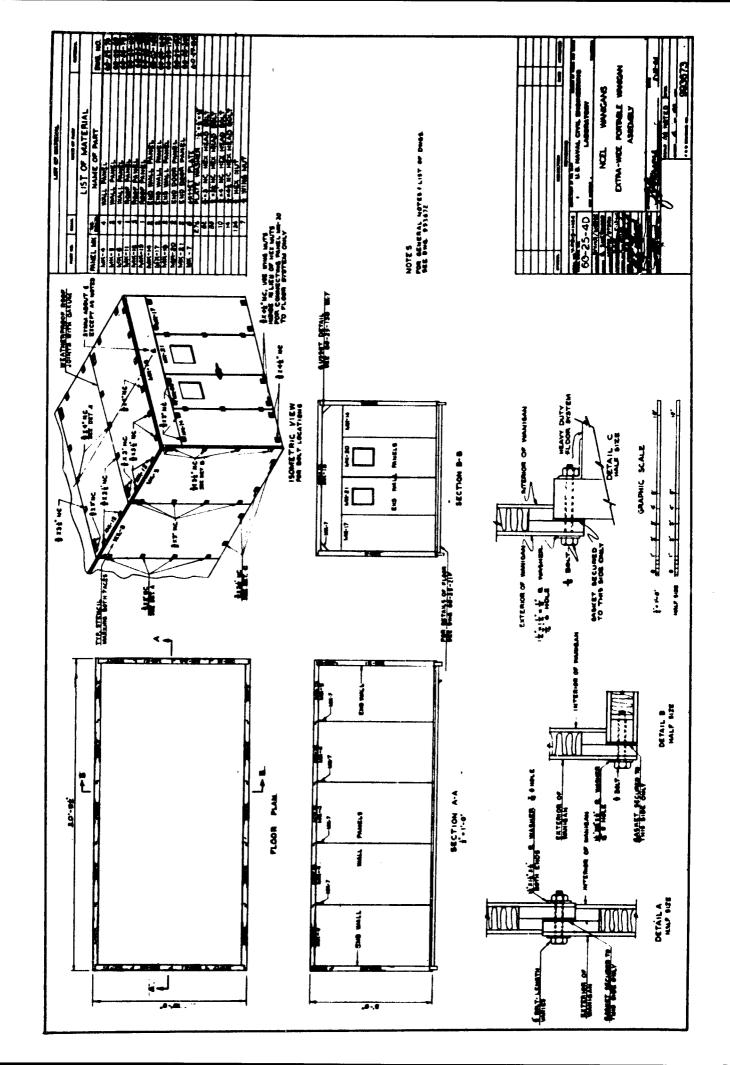


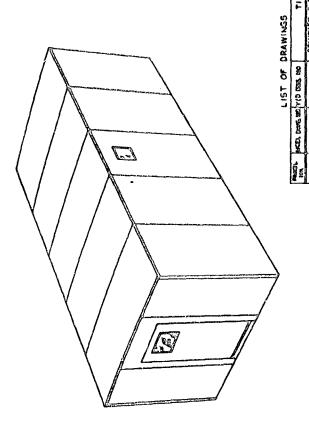


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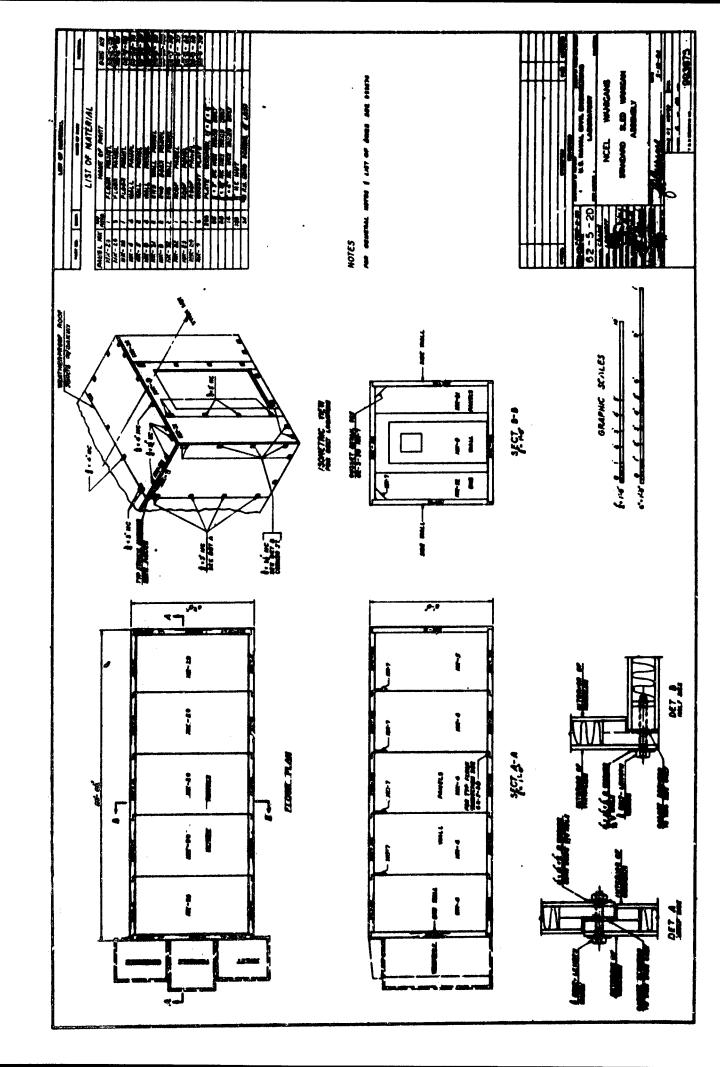
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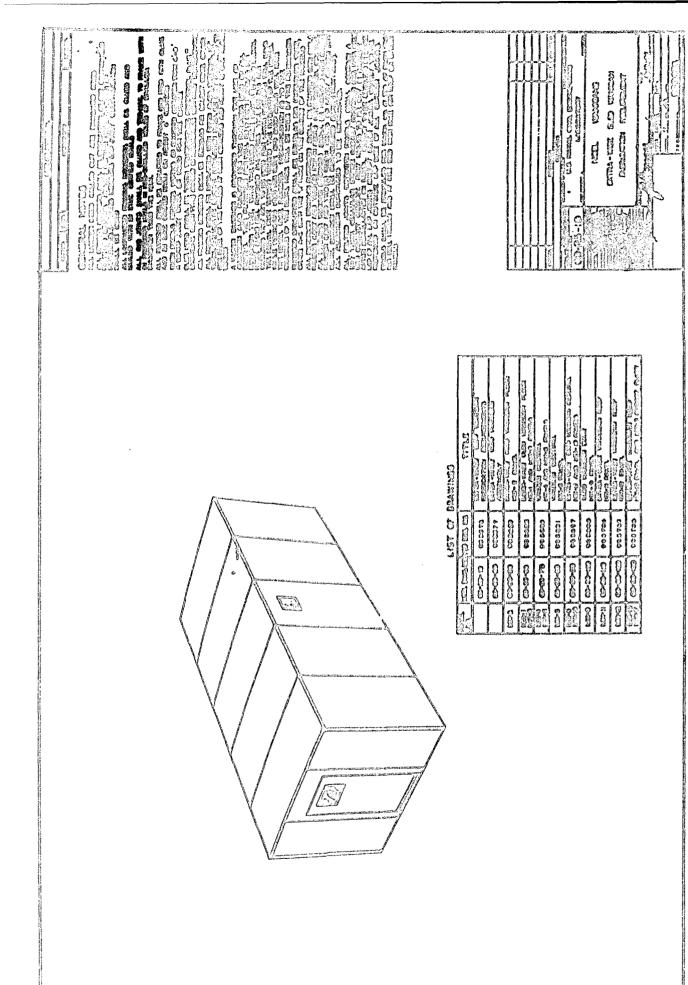


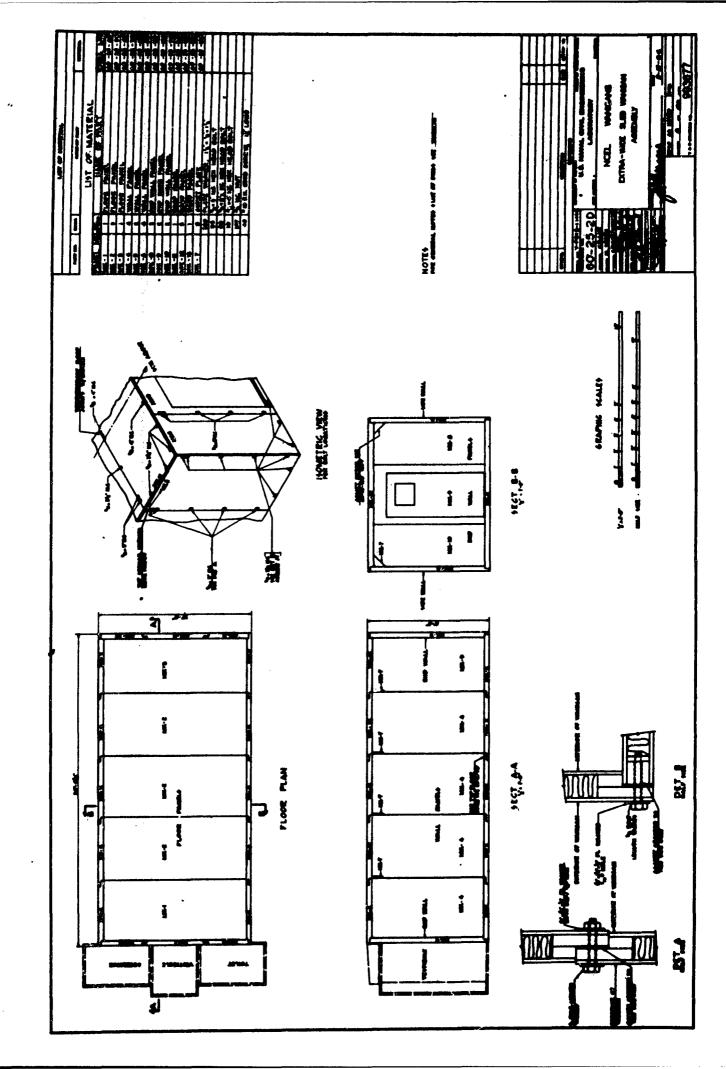


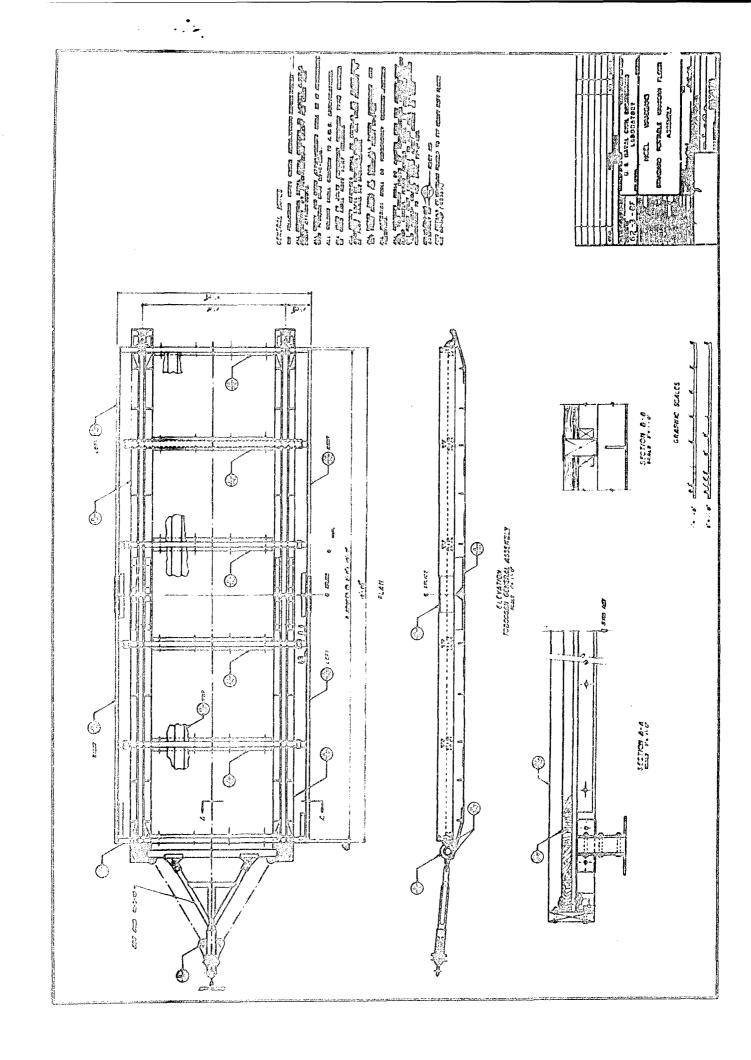
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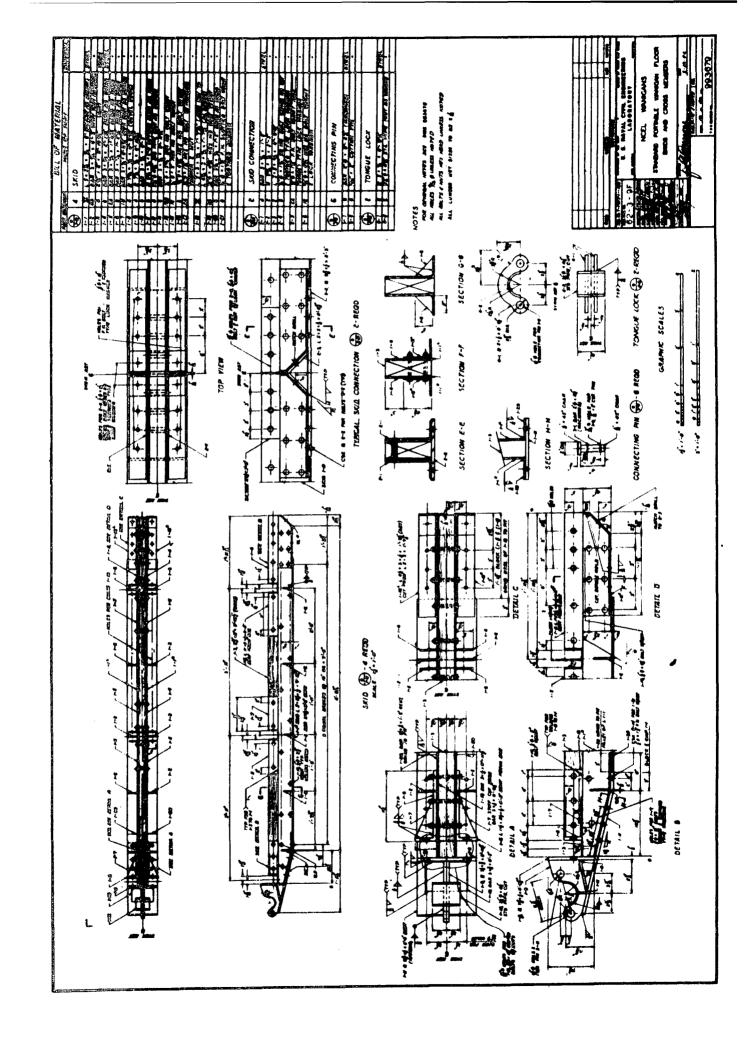
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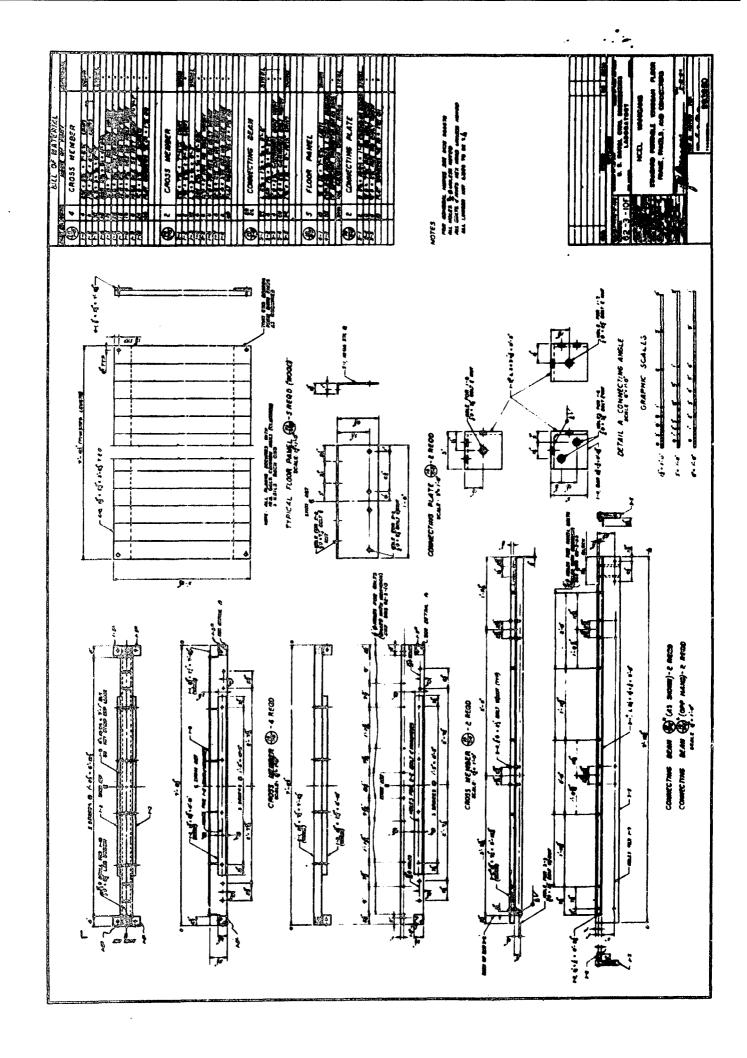


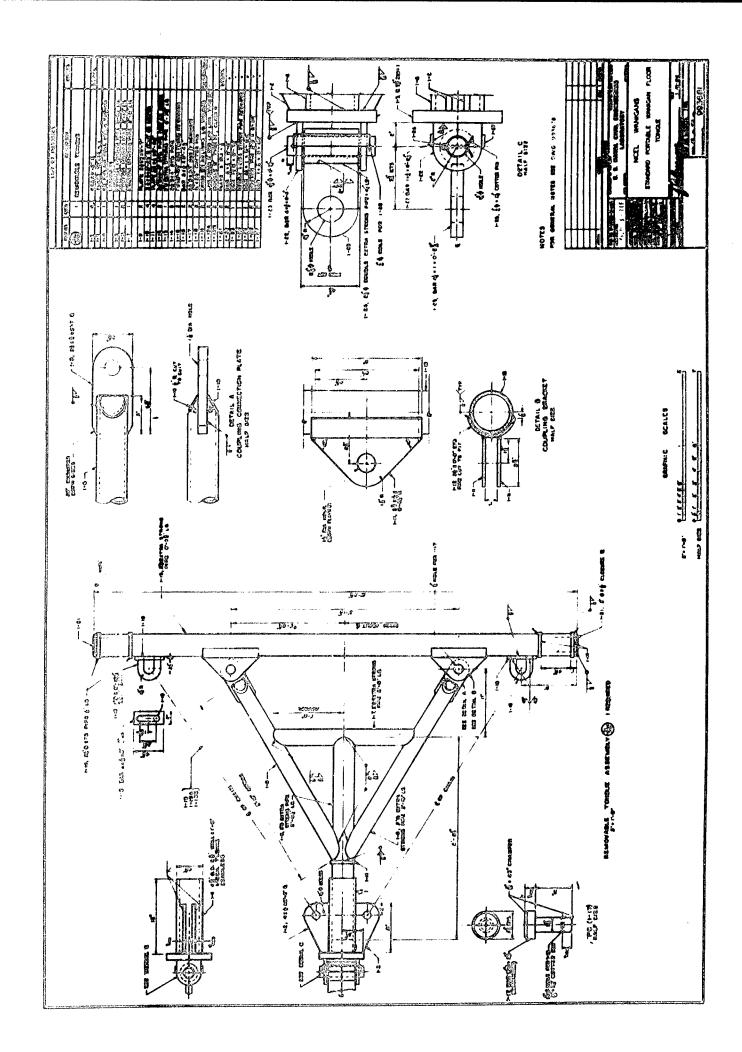


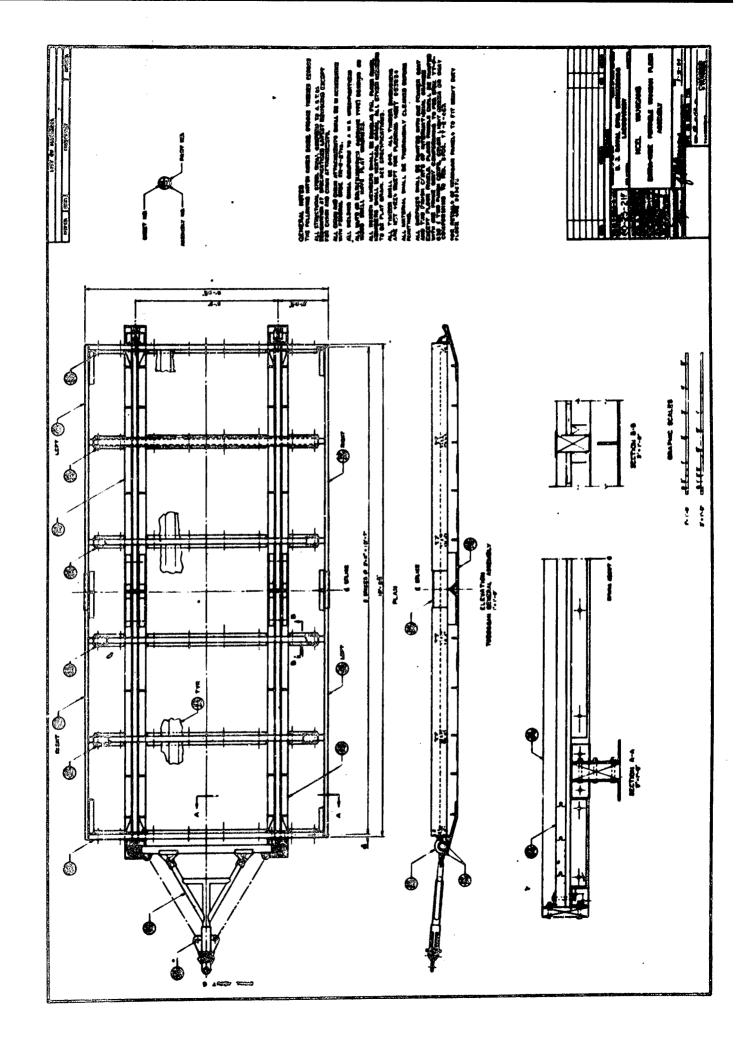


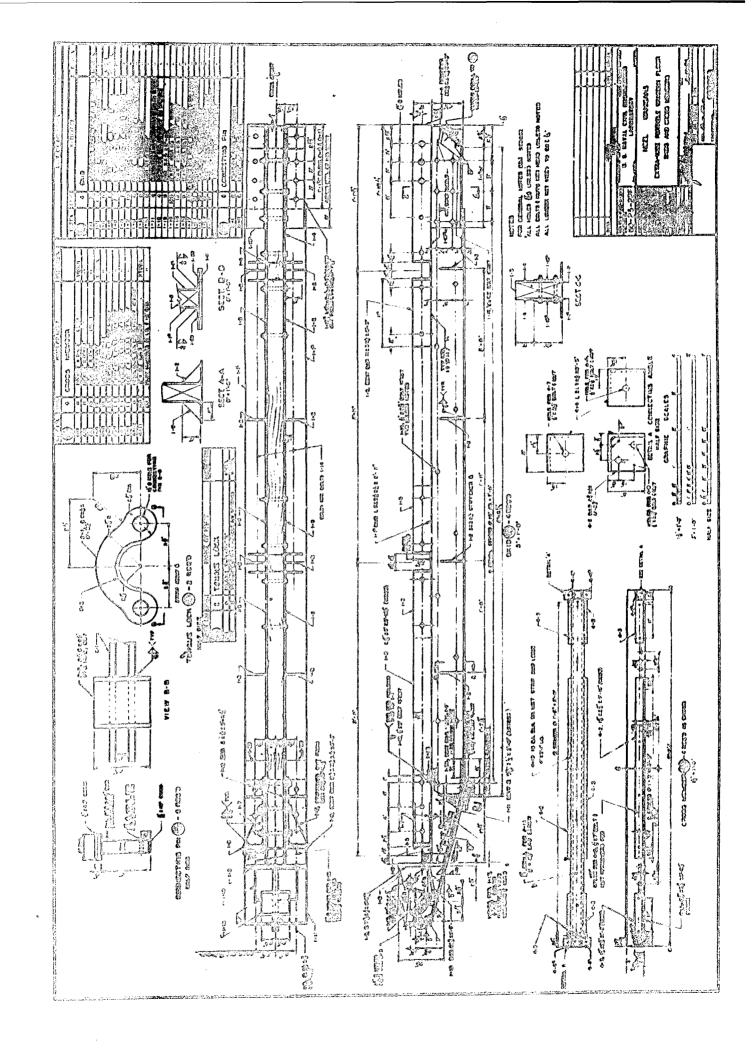


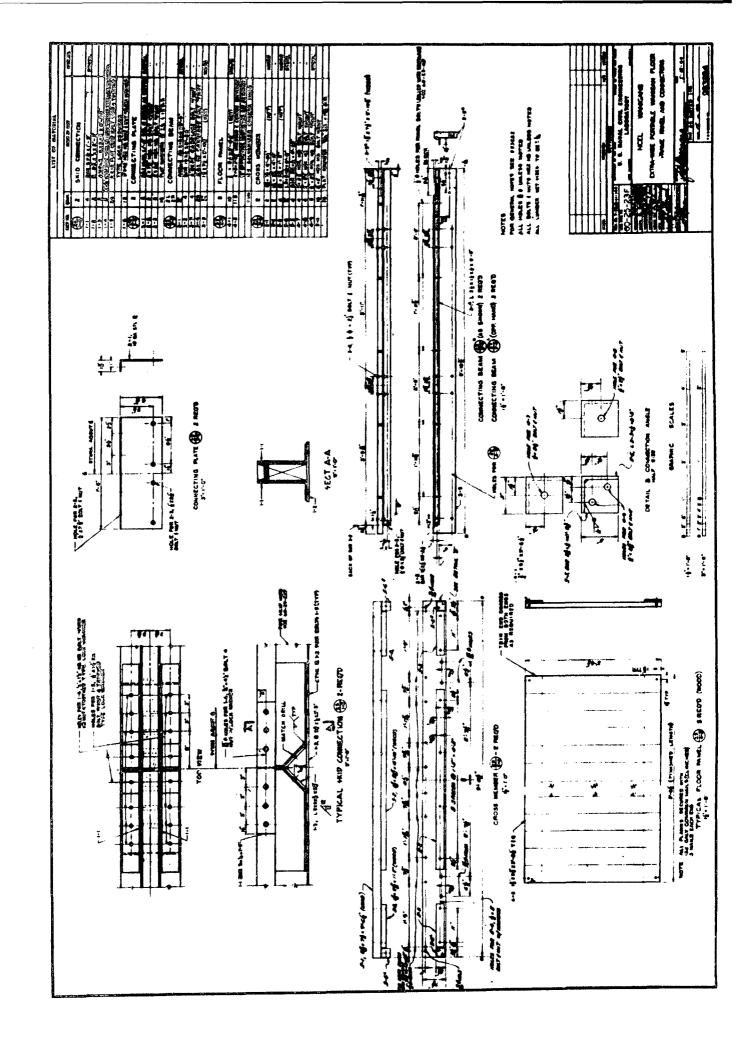


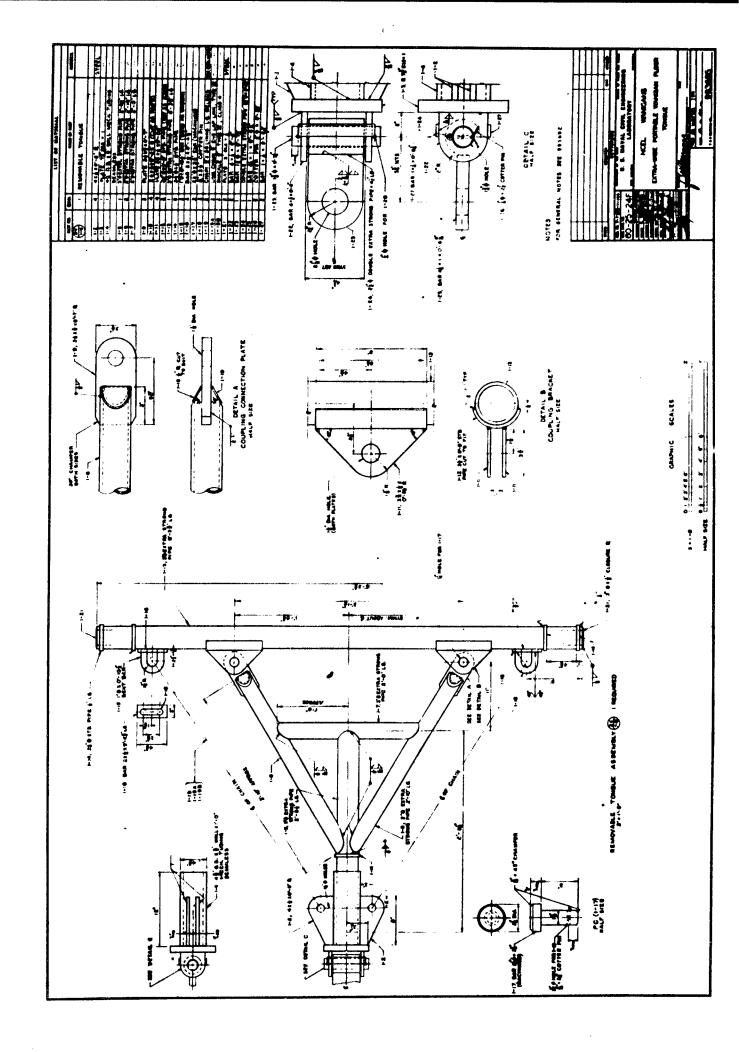


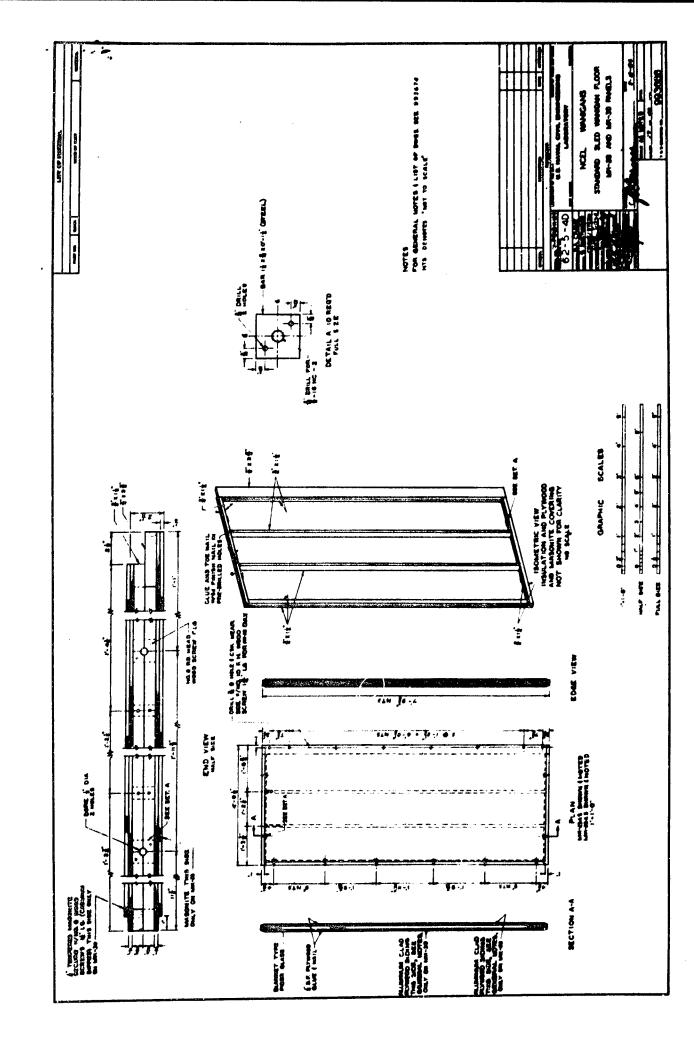


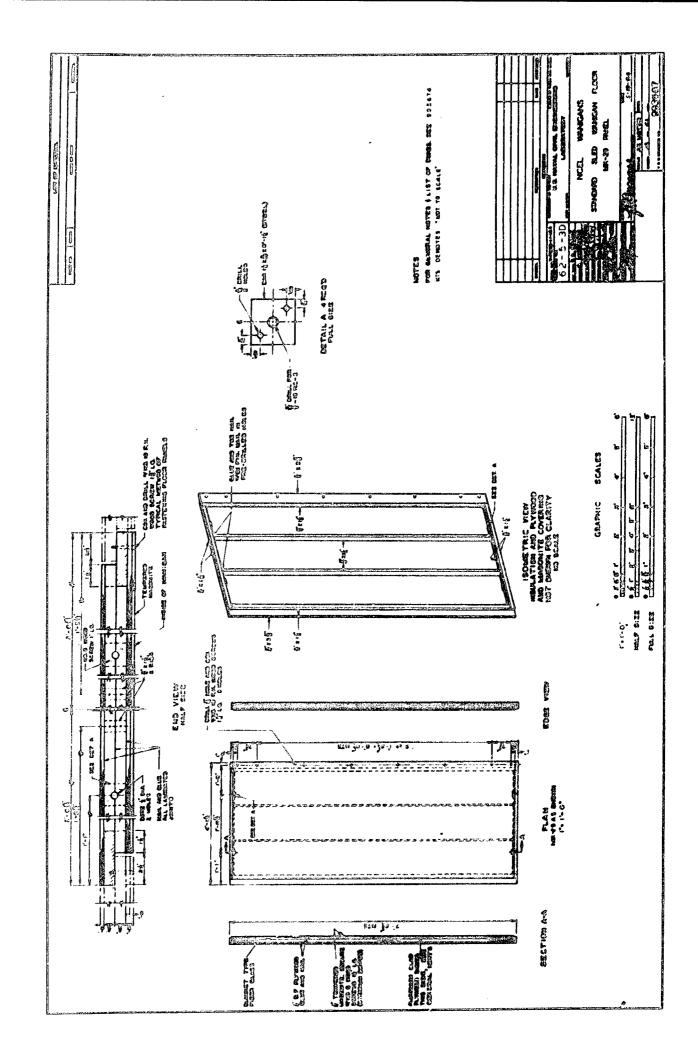


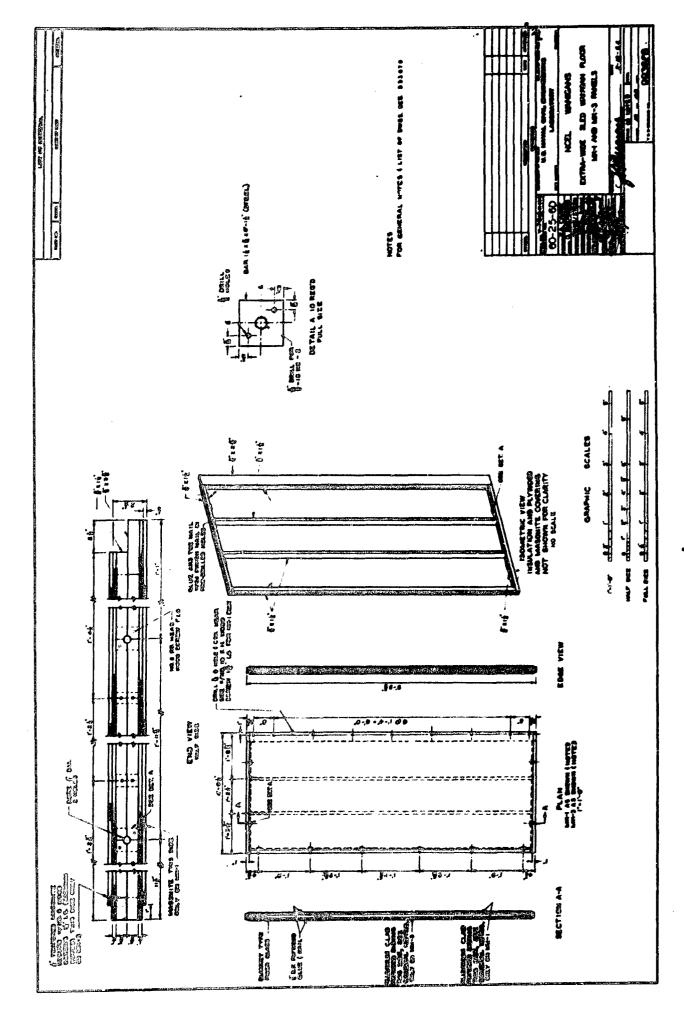


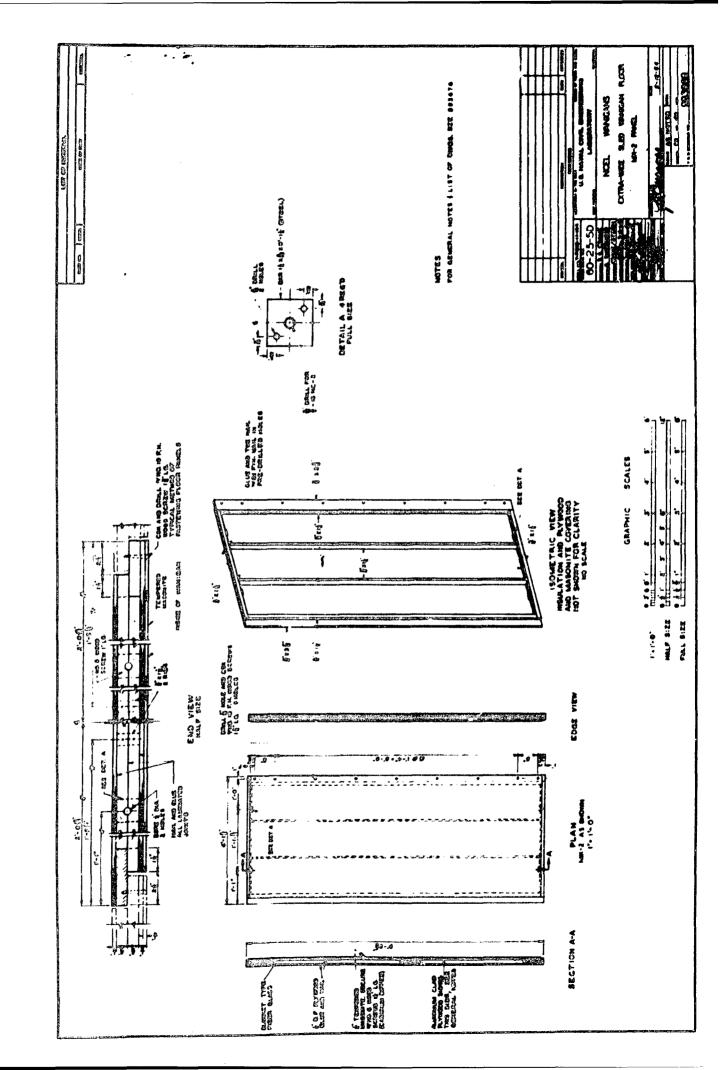


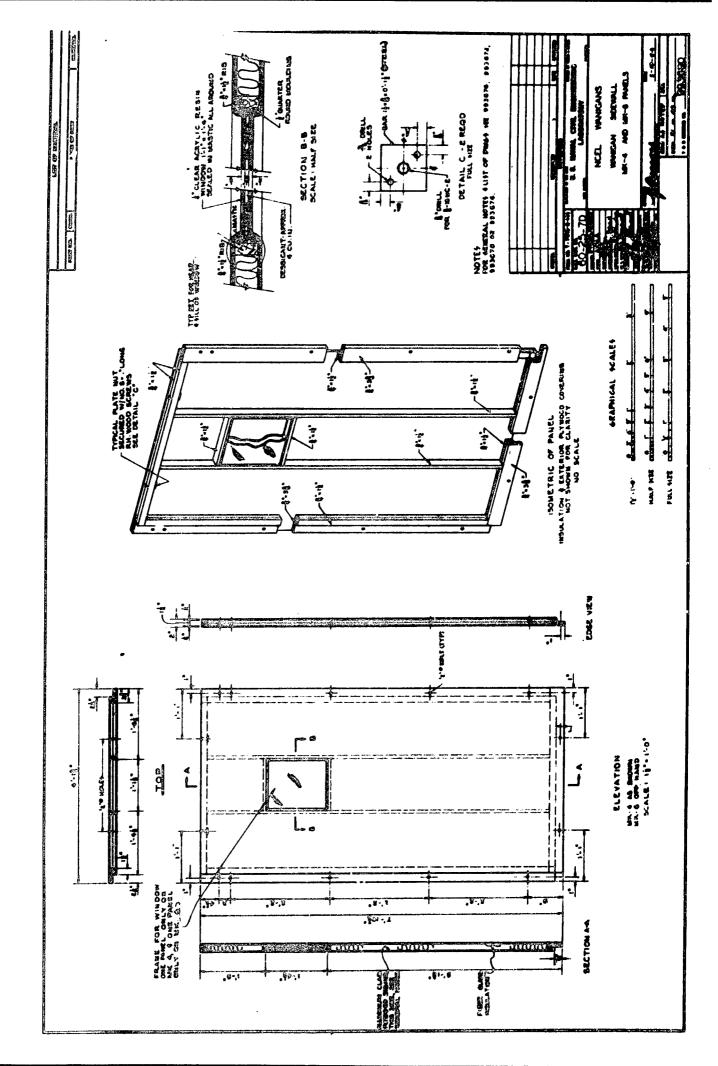


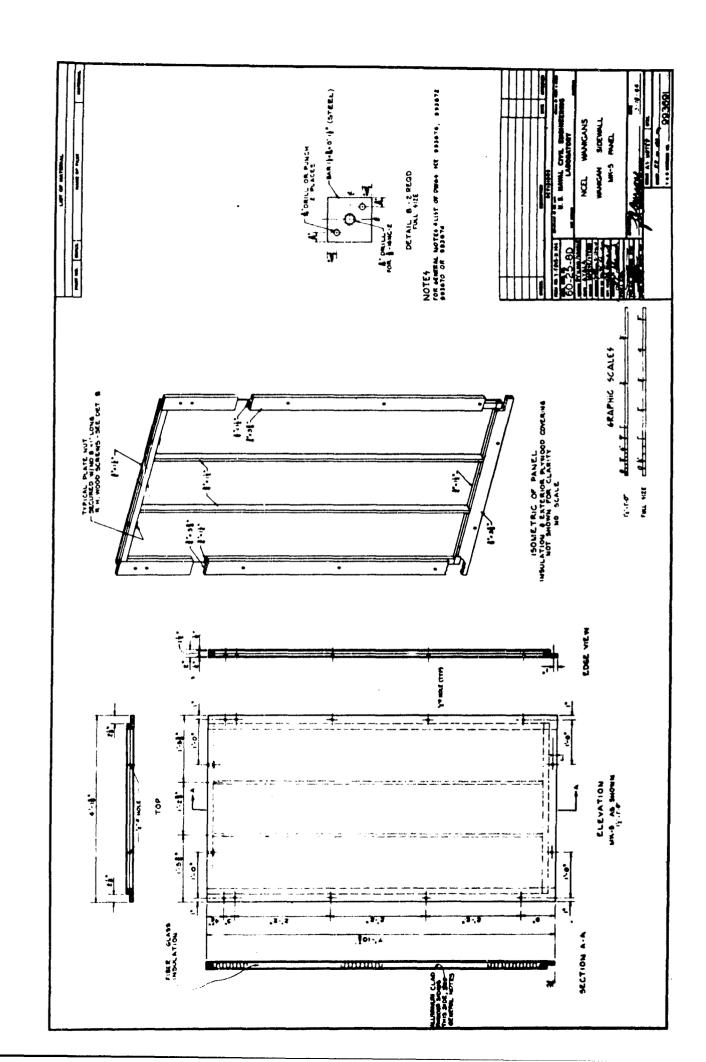


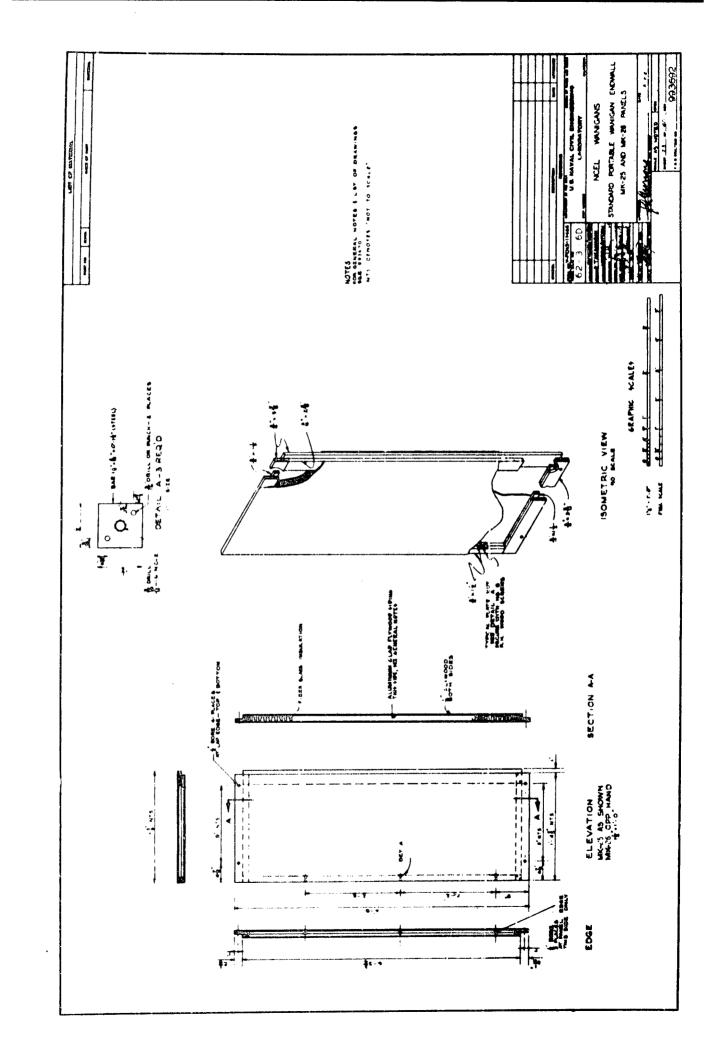


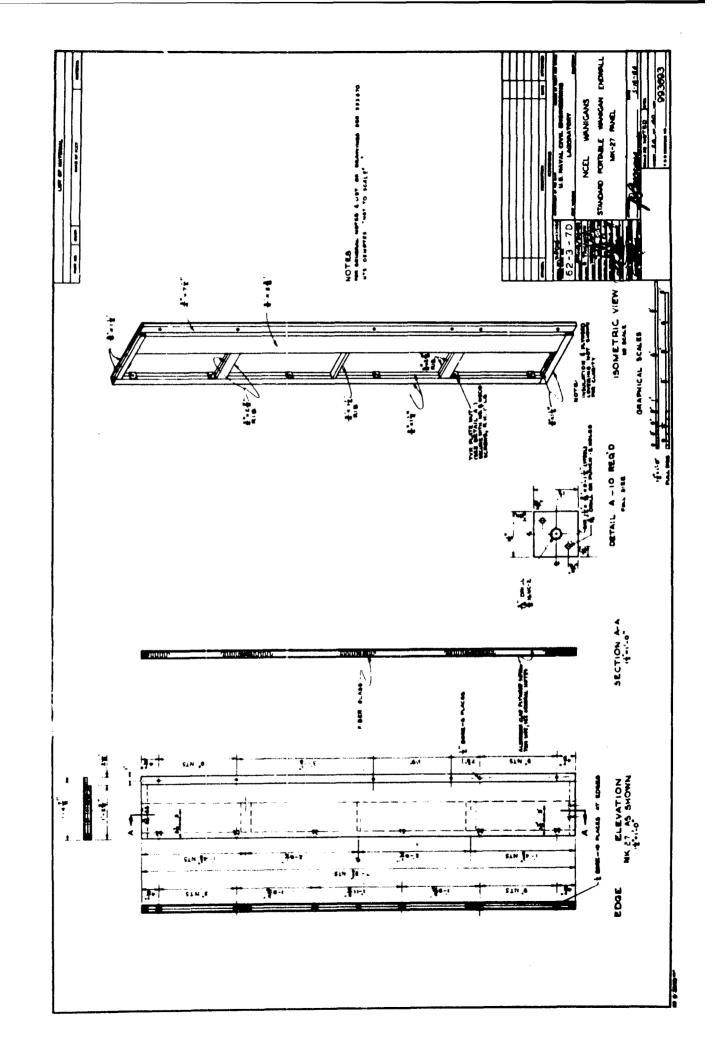


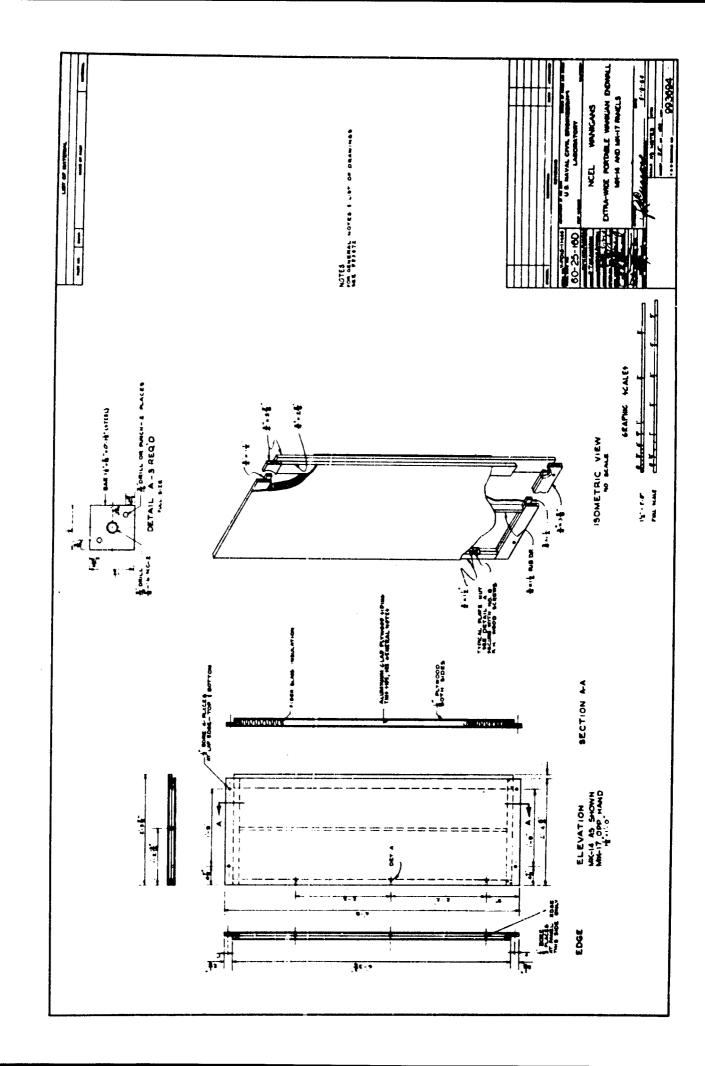


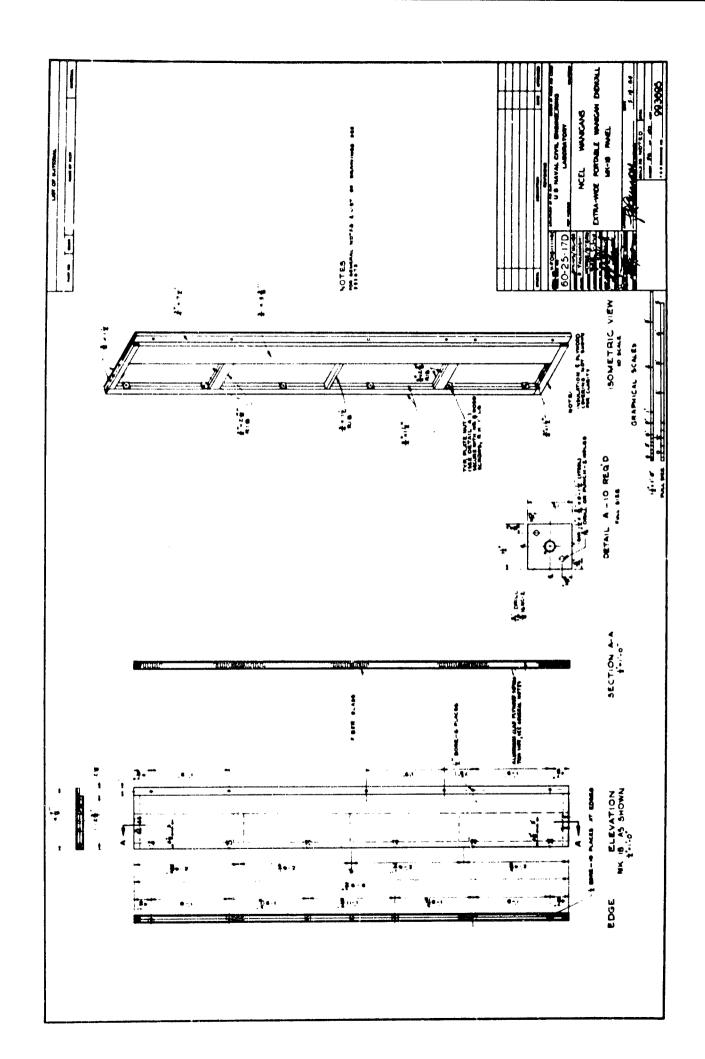


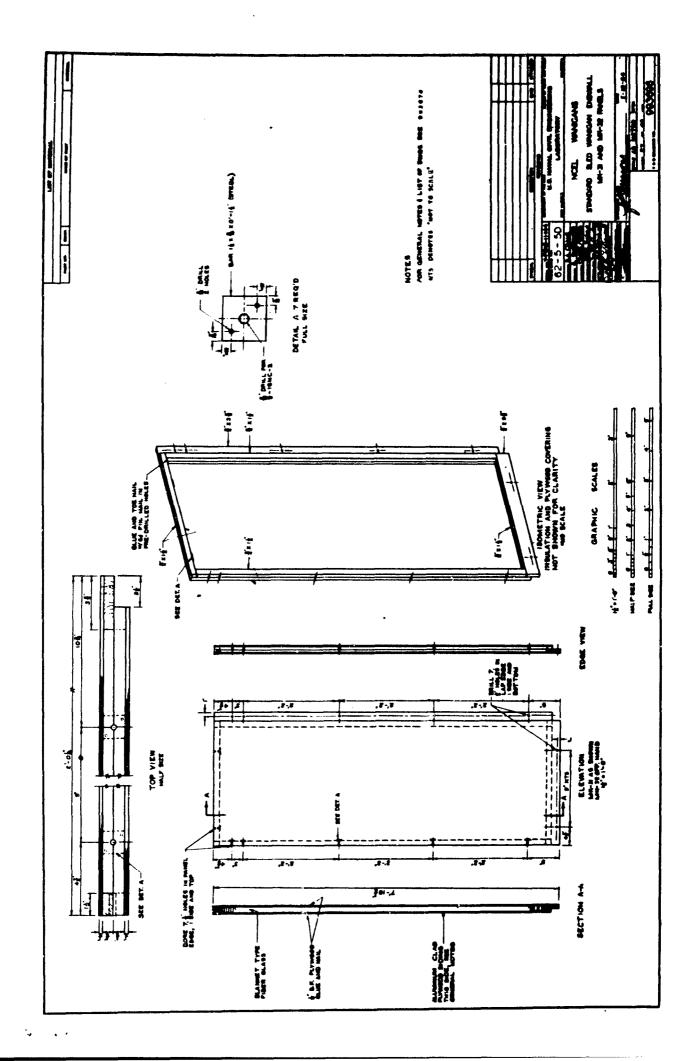


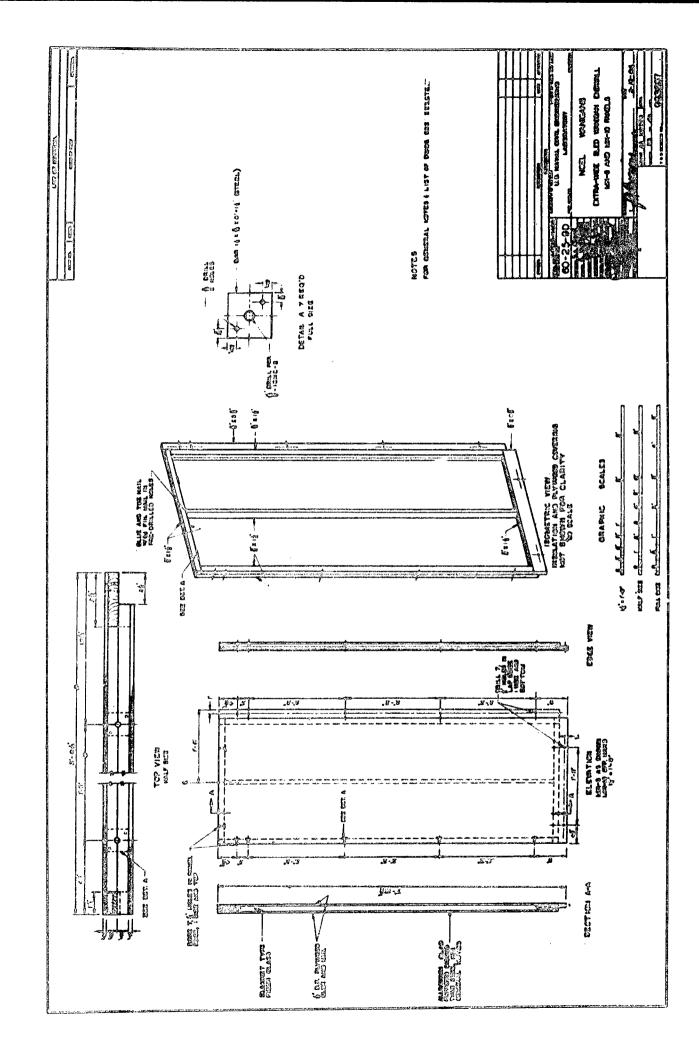


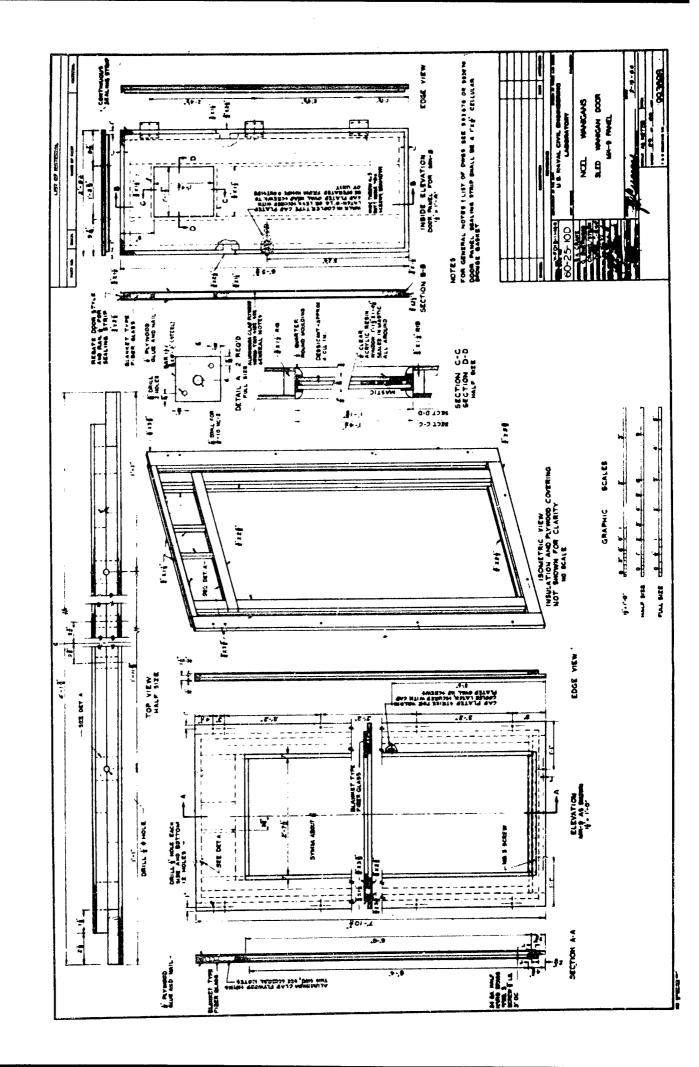












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